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NEW STOCKYARD SERVES SC SALUDA LIVESTOCK EXCHANGE OPENED LAST YEAR

BY EVA MOORE, SCDA

The energy of a livestock auction is palpable. There's excitement in the air — and the clanging of gates, the auctioneer's chant, and lots of mooing. Buyers find seats in the front rows, while sellers and other spectators fill the upper stands or lean against walls watching the action in the ring.

Saluda Livestock Exchange is the newest stockyard in the nation. It was opened in 2024 by Wes Weeks, Joseph Coleman, and Tammie Shore.

After Joseph's father retired from the stockyard business, his son wanted to start his own livestock auction facility. He teamed up with auctioneer Wes Weeks and began searching for a site.

Between cattle farming and development pressures, affordable land can be hard to find in the Saluda area.

That's when Tammie got involved. Her father owned a stockyard when she was growing up. Her husband runs a cattle operation in Saluda, South Carolina, while Tammie worked for 31 years in education, retiring as a school principal.

When she heard Joseph and Wes wanted to build a new livestock auction facility, she thought of the land she and her husband own across the road from their farm.

"I said, 'If you're looking for a third partner, we've got a deal,'" she explains.

Before building the facility, the team did their homework, visiting barns in other states and taking notes.

For example, the Saluda Livestock Exchange ring has cabling all the way to the ground in front, affording buyers a good view of the entire animal — an idea

people to minimize stress. The water tanks refill automatically. At one end of the facility is a pull-through chute for unloading animals. Building the stockyard was "a good community effort," Tammie says.

Inside the facility, a cheerful reception area gives way to the Buyers Room and a dining area. While many barns have an in-house restaurant, the Saluda partners opted to bring in a food truck so they could focus their efforts on the livestock part of the business.

Co-owner Wes Weeks is one of three auctioneers who work sales at the barn. He's spent a life in the cattle business — in fact, he says he's wanted to be an auctioneer since kindergarten.

For Tammie, the stockyard gives her an opportunity to use the communication and leadership skills she developed in her school career.

they picked up on a visit to Alabama.

When designing the holding pens and loading areas, they drew out on a grid which way each gate would open, planning a streamlined flow of animals and



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STRATEGIC PLANNING: A FIRST REPORT

Two weeks, we pulled together some leaders from across agribusiness in South Carolina for a day-and-a-half strategic planning session. While there's still much work to be done, I thought I'd give you a taste of what we discussed.

The group included producers representing a range of products and farm sizes, producer groups (SC Farm Bureau, the SC Forestry Association, Palmetto AgriBusiness Council, the SC Black Farmers Coalition), education (SC State University, Clemson, John De La Howe), farm credit, and other support industries like seed sales.

This was a chance for us to step back and evaluate where agriculture is and where it's going. There have been a lot of changes in Washington lately, with still more to come. And agriculture has faced many difficulties over the past several years, from input costs to weather impact. It seemed like the right moment to assess things.

A SWOT analysis — assessing Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, and Threats — is a well-known approach to judging the lay of the land. We had participants fill out a SWOT analysis ahead of time so we could come into the meeting with some agreed-upon topic areas to focus on. Here were some big ones:

Strengths:

- Relationships within the industry and with legislature

- Location (favorable weather, long growing season, access to ports, natural resources)
- Diversified crops

Weaknesses:

- Losing land to development; high land costs
- Workforce/labor
- Lack of processing capacity and value-added capabilities

Opportunities:

- Incentivize construction of new processing plants
- Educate the general population of the value that ag brings to the state
- AI and other technology to improve yields, reduce labor, etc.

Threats:

- Population changes — difficulty in attracting new farmers; people moving to SC
- Costs — input costs, land costs, etc.
- Lack of understanding of agriculture

One key question is how do we let South Carolinians, including our newest neighbors moving to the state, know the value of agriculture?

We have some big ideas. Over the next four months we'll be working to refine them, divided into four pillars: conservation, stabilization, communication, and innovation. (I believe Drake Yon of Yon Family Farms made this suggestion.) This next phase is where the rubber hits the road. I look forward to drilling down on these ideas and creating some results.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Antique Tractor Show
April 19 • 9 am – 2 pm
The Palmetto Tractor Club will be hosting the Murray Town Antique Tractor Show. The show will be held next to Wayne Taylor Farms LLC. Spectators and antique tractor owners welcomed.
4809 Augusta Hwy, Leesville
Contact: Herbert Long / Palmetto Tractor Club
hsl@comporium.net • 803-917-8507

Blackberry Blossom Festival
April 26 • 4:30 – 8 pm
There will be NO ENTRY FEE for this event! We want you to come and enjoy the beauty of strolling through the blackberry blossoms. Bring a picnic and then enjoy our world famous Blackberry Lemonade Slushie for dessert. Join in on some free crafts that you can take home AND also help us create some artwork that will be on display at our Blackberry U-Pick Season Opening Event a few short weeks later. Take a wagon ride to meet the bison, feed the chickens some treats, meet our rabbits, enjoy our petting zoo, do a Scavenger Hunt, be an honorary Bison Berry Farms Berry Fairy, etc!
Bison Berry Farms
2425 SC-92, Enoree
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SPRING 2025 Plant & Flower Festivals

APRIL 24-27

Pee Dee Plant & Flower Festival

Thurs – Sat
8 am – 6 pm

Sun
10 am – 5 pm

EVENT CONTACT: Bob Sager | 843-665-5154 | bsager@scda.sc.gov

Pee Dee State Farmers Market
2513 W. Lucas Street, Florence, SC

MAY 1-4

Piedmont Plant & Flower Festival

Thurs – Sat
8 am – 6 pm

Sun
10 am – 4 pm

EVENT CONTACT: Lia Sanders | 864-244-4023 | lsanders@scda.sc.gov

Greenville State Farmers Market
1354 Rutherford Road, Greenville, SC

agriculture.sc.gov/plant-and-flower-festivals

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April 26 & May 3 • 10 am – 5 pm
Bring the whole family to pick fresh strawberries, visit our artisan village, pet our furry farm friends and so much more! \$12 per person. Two years old and younger are FREE!
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lushacresfarm.com

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May 2 • 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Are you a woman who owns, cares for, or is interested in learning more about woodlands? You are invited to attend this event, which will highlight sustainable forestry, wildlife habitat enhancement, forest health, and conservation practices. We welcome anyone to attend, regardless of sex. Fee: \$35. Pre-Registration required.
Pee Dee REC
2200 Pocket Road, Florence
scwowmay2025.eventbrite.com

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mgmt, ditches, grading,
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vines, \$10; blueberry
bushes, 3/\$20
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
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bearing, \$5 ea or 5 for \$20
Brian Gray
Greenville
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Kershaw
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4 W/O ND DOE & BUCK
blue eyed, 50/50 polled,
registrable, good milking
genes, \$200/buck, \$300/doe
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parasite resistant, \$200 & \$300
Daniel Verdin
Laurens
864-270-7251

ND/PYGMY MIXED GOATS
2-3 m/o, \$200/F, \$150/M
Brenda Branham
Kershaw
803-518-7860

10 W/O BOER GOAT
40 lbs, \$220 obo
Thomas Harris
Union
864-466-2436

DWARF KIDS
twin M/F pr & 1 M, can
neuter males if desired, \$125
ea or \$300 for all 3
Bob Willis
Edgefield
803-634-1467

3 ND GOATS
4 y/o blk/wht long haired
billy; 4 y/o short haired
belted nanny; 1 m/o cream
doeling, \$250 for all
Marion White
Lee
803-853-0133

KIKO GOATS
weaning age, \$85/M, \$105/F
Ronald Simons
Edgefield
706-840-4954

JACOB RAMS
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with papers, \$350-500;
12 w/o ram, \$200; text
Glenn Murphey
Aiken
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KATAHDIN EWES & RAMS
3 m/o + weaned, gentle,
hand raised, \$200+
Tammy Hodge
Sumter
803-983-5041

BARBADOS RAMS & EWE
\$200 ea; lambs, \$100 ea
Thomas Waters
Colleton
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2 Y/O RAM
Dorper/Royal Wht cross,
proven breeder, \$400
Edward Holliday
Laurens
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3 Y/O ND NANNY
wht in color, \$100
William Yarborough
Colleton
843-708-3665

HAY & GRAIN

'24 HQ RND CB
800-900 lbs, net wrap, can
del for fee, \$70
Charles Howle
Darlington
843-250-1636

4×5 RND FESCUE MIX
CQ, net wrap, \$50/bale
Quinton Whitener
Union
803-923-2036

'24 HQ SQ CB
21 bales/bundle, \$150/bundle
Michael Roberson
Barnwell
803-266-3757

'24 CQ 4×5 RND CB
twine, in shed, \$50
Michael F Hallman
Lexington
803-917-9044

WHEAT & CORN
in 50 lb bag, \$8/bag
Larry Green
Spartanburg
864-303-7004

RYE STRAW
\$5/bale, barn kept
Howard McCartha
Lexington
803-312-3316

HQ SQ CB
\$8/bale; 4×5 rnd HQ, NR, in
barn, \$65
David Sease
Newberry
803-622-2957

'24 CRABGRASS HAY
\$45/lrg rnd, \$30/sm rnd
Joseph Johnson
Berkeley
843-567-7774

'24 HQ SQ FESCUE
well limed & fert, no weeds,
barn stored, lv msg or text
preferred, \$7 ea
Jason Clinton
Chester
803-366-0663

'24 HQ COASTAL
shed kept, limed/fert, \$70/
rnd, \$8/sq
Eddie Phillips
Sumter
803-486-0081

HQ SQ COASTAL
hvy bales, no litter used, in
barn, \$8; CQ rnd, \$30
George McCoy
Chesterfield
843-307-8866

'24 CQ & HQ FESCUE
Clover & Bahia, web cover,
stored inside, 50 bales,
\$60/4×5, \$70/4×6
C E Thrailkill
Chester
803-283-7659

'24 4×5 TWINE CB
'24 4×5 Oat & Rye grass
blend, net wrap, all shed
kept, \$60/bale
Sam Rikard
Lexington
803-892-2630

FESCUE
NR, barn kept, \$7 ea; goat &
cow, \$6 ea
Jerry Butler
Laurens
864-697-6343

COW HAY & WHEAT STRAW
\$40 ea; both 4×5 & net wrap
Richard Knight
Kershaw
803-427-6440

RND BALES
\$65/shed kept, \$60/outside
Bobby Zimmerman
Lexington
803-317-8681

'24 4×5 RND CB
NR, barn stored, \$70/bale
Mike Cousins
Newberry
803-924-7539

'24 4'×66" CB
net wrap, 130 bales,
\$47.50/bale
Halleck Butts
Aiken
803-480-9760

'24 HQ 4×5 CB
shed kept, net wrap,
800-900 lbs, \$65
Nelson Oswald
Lexington
803-532-4001

**'24 4×5 MIXED GRASS/
FESCUE**
barn stored, NR, no manure
on land, fert only, \$50/bale
Billy Gallman
Newberry
803-276-7171

HQ 5×6 RND COASTAL
wrapped, dry stored, \$180/
ton, 5 bale min p-up
Sally Harrison
Saluda
803-622-8597

PLANTS & FLOWERS

ADS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FROM COMMERCIAL NURSERIES, WHICH HAVE ANNUAL SALES OF \$5,000.

AZALEAS
Gardenia, Boxwoods, \$6;
Tea Olives, \$8; Camellias
& Carolina Sapphire, \$20;
Little Gem Magnolia, \$35
Freeman Noles
Barnwell
803-383-4066

MONKEY GRASS
aka Liriope, Hosta, \$4 ea; Iris,
Daylily, \$5 ea; Hydrangea,
Gardenia, \$10 ea
Woody Ellenburg
Pickens
864-855-2565

RABBITS

5 NZ
2 blk bucks, 1 brn/wht doe,
2 blk/wht & gray/wht, 7
m/o, \$15 ea
Brian Jenkins
Saluda
803-553-5774

**LA COTTONTAILS
CROSSED**
on MS cane cutter, \$12 ea
Danny Cook
Newberry
803-924-6953

REX
all colors, yng, \$15-20 ea;
grown bucks, \$20 ea; does,
\$25 ea; LA cottontail grown
bucks, \$20 ea; does, \$25 ea
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

FLEMISH GIANT
& Cottontail, \$25 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

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MILLER BOBCAT 225G
welder/8000 KW gen w/
Onan P216G on trl, \$3500
obo; wht oak lumber,
8–20'L, \$3/bdft obo
Lecil Hembree
Spartanburg
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\$70 ea; (7) 12R22.5, \$50 ea;
11R22.5 & 295/75 R22.5 mntd
on bud whl, \$125 ea
L Hoffman
Calhoun
803-570-0479

HDWD
air dried 2–5 ys, wide boards
1"–3" thick, 8'–16'L, \$2-3/bdft;
Walnut & Cherry, \$3-7/bdft
Luther Wilson
Lancaster
803-448-4477

JD STX38 RIDER MWR
13 hp, hydro trans, 38" cut,
GRC, new battery/tires, EC,
\$600 obo
Tom Williams
Greenville
864-423-1854

55 GAL FG DRUMS
metal & plastic open top
w/top & rings, \$20+; solid
top 55 gal, \$20 ea; 275 gal
portow tanks, \$60 ea
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

1200 GAL WATER TANK
no holes, \$850
Melvin Barr
Pickens
864-360-5176

JD SPROCKETS
old part # T252553, new part
AT417016, \$600 obo
Roger Clark
Aiken
803-646-6036

LIVE EDGE SLABS
pine & var species, \$200–800
Becky Elliott
Hampton
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100+ NURSERY POTS
\$5/25 gal, 50¢/3 gal, qty disc
Walter Earley
Berkeley
843-743-8244

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all cedar, \$20 ea or 3 for \$50,
call/text
Jack Reeves
Greenville
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William F Timmerman
Aiken
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21' L, 2" & 4", \$10 ea
Ronnie Johnston
Horry
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19.5×12×13, used for peaches
& sweet potatoes, \$10 ea
Roxanne Peden
Greenville
864-414-1962

TOP SOIL/FILL DIRT
\$2/yd; Walnut log, \$100
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

GARDEN TRACTOR
Cub Cadet 1450, 14 hp Kohler,
hydro trans, hyd lift, spare
tire, mwr frame, \$375 obo
Ralph Taylor
Chester
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OAK FIREWOOD
long bed p/up, del & stack,
cut to size, \$150
Ronald Wright
Richland
803-606-1666

PLASTIC NURSERY POTS
mostly new, \$2 ea/5 gal,
\$1.25 ea/3 gal, 25¢ ea/1 gal
Carol Elliott
Richland
803-261-1666

HDWD LUMBER
boards 1"×12"×8'L, \$4/
bdft, 300 bdft min/del, will
custom cut for lrg dels
Ryan Anderson
Greenville
864-234-2918

LAWN MWR FOR PARTS
Husqvarna YTH 24V54, eng
seized, \$25
Robbie Dunaway
Anderson
864-314-4314

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new, bought for grain auger,
nvr used, \$750
Charles Nichols
Saluda
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4' TUBE GATE
\$40; 7'×¾" chain, hook on
one end, \$20
Russell Goings
Union
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6–3" dia, \$8 ea
Douglass Britt
McCormick
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TANK**
300 gal w/frame & cradle,
VGC, \$2000
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for purple martin houses or
crafting, \$6/lrg, \$4/med,
\$2/small
Glen Clamp
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goods only, \$2500
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Abbeville
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\$100; Pecan wood, \$10/bundle
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8" & 10" augers, nvr used,
\$325 cash for all
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Anderson
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hdwd trees on the ground,
\$5/load
Clyde Bridges
Greenville
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BEE HIVES
10 frame, hive body & bees,
\$250
Nathan McDaniel
Saluda
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BOX CORN SHELLERS
\$40–90; hay carriers, \$150–
200; hay knives, \$50–75;
spring scales, \$20–70;
dehorners, \$50 ea
Claude Jarman
Newberry
803-271-5028

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24' dia w/fan & unloading
auger, \$2500
Carl Brown
Aiken
803-640-0281

LRG BLKSMITH POST VICE
\$150; scythe w/alum curved
handle, \$60
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

EVAPORATOR SYRUP PAN
\$400; 4 pcs wash line, by
TEW Mfg Co, for tomatoes,
peaches or other rnd fruits/
vegs, \$5000
Carey Wilson
Anderson
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\$300
Deborah Worth
Aiken
803-605-4644

GERMINATION CHAMBER
SS, holds 24 flats, \$1700;
Seed EZ Seeder w/vacuum
sys & 4 plates, \$500
Louise Neal
Spartanburg
864-590-3568

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HUBBLE PIGEONS
breed is raised commercially
for squab production, solid
wht, \$15+
R Adams
Darlington
843-393-7280

GROWN GUINEAS
\$20 ea; yng, \$7+; Cochin
bantams, \$10+
Philip Poole
Union
864-427-1589

GAME CHICKENS
18–24 m/o, roos/\$35, \$80/trio
Sam Ragan
Newberry
803-622-8613

BANTAMS CHICKS
Barbu de Watermael, \$20
ea: OE, Mille Fleur, Silver
quill, day old, \$5 ea
Tim Boozer
Newberry
803-924-3922


8 W/O SAPPHIRE GEMS
breeding pr, \$22
Lisa Aman
Pickens
704-756-2532

CHICKS
Coturnix quail, \$3+; Barred
Rock, Swedish Flower,
more, \$5+
Matthew Garber
Laurens
864-923-6213

8 BIELEFELDER ROOS
Murray McMurray b'line,
\$10 ea
Kenneth Hair
Edgefield
803-480-4540

2 INDIAN BLUE PEACOCKS
6 y/o M, 5 y/o peahen, \$250
for both
Edward Bell
Williamsburg
843-933-0589

CHICKS
Araucana, RIR, Buff Orp,
Barred Rock, wht Leghorn,
\$4 ea; Bantams, \$10 ea;
Guineas, Jungle Fowl, \$15 ea
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254



MARKET BULLETIN
ABBREVIATION KEY

A - American
B - Bantam
C - Cochin
D - Dutch
E - English
F - Fowl
G - Game
H - Homer
I - Indian
J - Jungle
K - King
L - Leghorn
M - Mille Fleur
N - Newberry
O - Orpington
P - Peacock
R - Rock
S - Silver
T - Turkey
U - Upland
V - Vulture
W - White
X - Xanthus
Y - Yellow
Z - Zebra

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USED 3PH YARD RAKE
5' or 6' W in GC
Randy Orr
Anderson
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2R 3PH CULT
reasonably priced
Otto Williamson
Williamsburg
843-372-2692

MECH STEERING GEAR BOX
for 160 AC
Thomas Smith
Chesterfield
843-287-8524

8R WIDE DO-ALL
28'
Jeff Millen
Chester
803-209-0893

3PH STUMP GRINDER
PTO driven, any cond, text/
photos ok
George Long
Richland
803-920-3883

7' CUT HAY DISC MWR
Krone or Kuhen, late mod
in EC
John Gossett
Spartanburg
803-222-7786

SET OF SM GRAIN GRATES
for Case IH 1660 combine
Joseph Johnson
Berkeley
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WANT - LIVESTOCK

EACH AD MUST LIST SPECIFIC ANIMALS.

MODENA
& wht Homer pigeons
Thomas Waters
Colleton
843-696-6627

SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAMS
Tim Boozer
Newberry
803-924-3922

BEEF CATTLE
any age or size
Kenneth Satterfield
Laurens
864-304-3172

FLEMISH GIANTS
preferably LT a y/o, any
color, call/text
Kezia Hedges
Aiken
839-290-0868

RABBITS
Swans, Turkeys, Peacocks,
Geese, Ducks, Guineas,
chickens
Joe Culbertson
Greenwood
864-229-5254

WANT - MISC

PULPWOOD SAW TIMBER
hdwd pine, all types of thinning
or clear cut, Upstate cos
Tim Morgan
Greenville
864-420-0251

CANNING JARS
64 oz, ½ gal, standard neck
(narrow), Mason/Ball/Atlas,
lv msg
Adam Finkelstein
Anderson
864-348-3026

ANY SIZE BLKSMTH ANVILS
& farm bells, #3 & #4 bell
cradle
R Long
Newberry
803-924-9039

NEW STOCKYARD, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

“Farmers are some of the best people on earth. I love working with them,” she says.

Since opening in July, Saluda Livestock Exchange has averaged 700 head of cattle per Monday sale, with around 16–20 buyers usually attending. On one Saturday a month, they hold a small animal auction.

The partners are also working to promote better livestock health – which can translate to better prices at auction. They started an educational series, which debuted with a recent Herd Health Management session. They’re planning future sessions on soil management, and on sheep and goat health. Teams from the stockyard are also available to visit farms.

“We are here for our farmers — anything we can do to bridge that gap,” Tammie says.

Saluda Livestock Exchange is at 4444 McCormick Highway (US 378) in Saluda, SC. Sales are held every Monday at 11 a.m., with a small animal sale every second Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. Reach the barn at 864-554-2199.

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY NAMES ROB ALLEN AS FIRST-EVER RECREATION MANAGER FOR CLEMSON EXPERIMENTAL FOREST

BY JONATHAN VEIT, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson University has hired Rob Allen '98 as the first-ever recreation manager of the Clemson Experimental Forest (CEF), marking a significant step in balancing the Forest's recreational opportunities with its role in research, education, and conservation.

In this new role, Allen will serve as a liaison between the University and the community, organize volunteer efforts, oversee safety training and work projects, and support faculty and student initiatives within the Forest. Additionally, he will work to integrate recreational activities — such as hiking, hunting, biking, horseback riding, and fishing — with ongoing forestland management operations.

Allen's hiring follows the recent selection of Wayne Phillips as Forest Manager and a decision by the Clemson Board of Trustees during its Fall 2024 Quarterly Meeting to designate 3,650 acres of the 18,000-acre Forest as an ecologically sensitive zone. These efforts reflect the University's commitment to preserving and enhancing the Forest's unique biodiversity while ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for visitors.

As recreation manager, Allen is particularly focused on enhancing Forest infrastructure, including improving navigation, signage, and accessibility for visitors across the more than 100 miles of trails.

“One of the biggest challenges visitors face is simply navigating the Forest,” Allen said. “Many people find it intimidating due to its size and the

number of trails. My goal is to improve signage, maps, and wayfinding systems so that everyone — students, faculty, and the surrounding community — can confidently explore and enjoy this incredible space.”

Allen brings a strong background in community engagement, volunteer coordination, and outdoor recreation management to the role. His passion for fostering connections between different user groups — including hikers, mountain bikers, equestrians, and conservationists — aligns with his broader vision for the Forest's future.

“I've found that when people have a cohesive vision, they want to partner, and they're willing to connect,” Allen explained. “They get on board pretty easily when they see a shared goal. My role is to help facilitate those connections and ensure the Forest remains a jewel of Clemson University, benefiting both the campus and the broader community.”

As part of his efforts, Allen is also working on expanding volunteer engagement, with plans to increase the number of Forest workdays from two to four annually, bringing together students,

faculty and outdoor enthusiasts to maintain and enhance the Forest's trails and facilities.

Additionally, he is actively seeking partnerships to support infrastructure projects, such as bridge construction — recently securing seven donated bridge frames from a local company for upcoming improvements.

With no other university forest in the country offering the same level of accessibility, biodiversity and proximity to campus, Allen sees tremendous potential in enhancing the Forest's role in education, recreation and conservation.

“This is an incredible resource, and I see so many opportunities to improve the experience for visitors while supporting Clemson's mission,” Allen said. “I look forward to working with the University, the community and volunteers to steward this special place for generations to come. As an alum, I look forward to giving back to a university that holds such significance for me and my family.”

For more information on volunteer opportunities, upcoming projects, and ways to get involved, visit the Clemson Experimental Forest Facebook group or follow updates on the CEF Users Coalition page.



SECRETARY ROLLINS ANNOUNCES SWEEPING REFORMS TO PROTECT NATIONAL FORESTS AND BOOST DOMESTIC TIMBER PRODUCTION

BY USDA OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins issued a Secretarial Memo to establish an “Emergency Situation Determination” on 112,646,000 acres of National Forestry System (NFS) land. This Memo comes on the heels of President Donald J. Trump's Executive Order to expand American timber production by 25%, and it will empower the U.S. Forest Service to expedite work on the ground and carry out authorized emergency actions to reduce wildfire risk and save American lives and communities.

“Healthy forests require work, and right now, we're facing a national forest emergency. We have an abundance of timber at high risk of wildfires in our National Forests,” said Secretary Rollins. “I am proud to follow the bold leadership of President Trump by empowering forest managers to reduce constraints and minimize the risks of fire, insects, and disease so that we can strengthen American timber industry and further enrich our forests with the resources they need to thrive.”

The Memo issued by Secretary Rollins is part of a larger effort to ensure American resources

are properly managed for generations to come. This work will support rural economies, reduce wildfire risk, and build capacity through workforce alignment and expanded partnerships.

This Memo will also spur immediate action from the U.S. Forest Service directing field leadership to increase timber outputs, simplify permitting, remove National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) processes, reduce implementation and contracting burdens, and to work directly with states, local government, and forest product producers to ensure that the Forest Service delivers a reliable and consistent supply of timber.

This action builds on Secretary Rollins' announcement last month to unleash American energy by directing the USDA Forest Service to take action to remove burdensome Biden-era regulations that have stifled energy and mineral development on Forest Service land. As part of these decisive actions, the agency also canceled two mineral leasing withdrawals on Forest Service land that will help boost production of critical minerals.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR SC AGRICULTURE AND AGRITOURISM STUDENTS

BY JACKIE MOORE, SCDA

The South Carolina Agritourism Association offers an annual scholarship program to benefit college students in the field of agriculture and agritourism.

This year's scholarship is for \$2,500.

The SCAA scholarship program has the oversight of a very dedicated group of individuals on the Board of Directors with representation from each region of South Carolina.

You can help the scholarship program grow. If you have a heart for young people and their education, you can support the annual conference silent auction by donating items and bidding on items as well as making a donation directly to the scholarship fund. Your generosity is truly appreciated. More scholarship funding means that more students can invest in agriculture and agritourism. It's good for the future of farming! To learn more, visit [SCAgritourism.org](https://scagritourism.org).

The student application is available at [SCAgritourism.org](https://scagritourism.org) under the SC Agritourism Association tab, or scagritourism.org/sc-agritourism-association/scaa-scholarship. Save the file to your computer first before filling out. Return your completed application and requested attached documents to agritourism@scda.sc.gov.



FROM LAND-GRANT EDUCATION TO EXPONENTIAL OPPORTUNITY, REMEMBERING THE MAN WHO EARNED CLEMSON’S FIRST GRADUATE DEGREE

BY KEN SCAR AND JILL E. BUNCH

The interests and upbringing of Patrick “Pat” Henry Hobson 1924, M 1924 were unremarkable in most ways for a generation that came of age in the waning years of the first industrial revolution.

Born in 1895, nearly 30 years before he earned his Clemson degree, Hobson was raised as one of eight children on a patch of land in Sandy Springs, SC.

The agricultural community was less than 10 miles from, at that time, Clemson College. And Hobson, a regular on the honor roll at the nearby Denver School, placed a high value on his studies even then.

But higher education was by no means a given. Clemson, close to home, was still a distant possibility.

“It was a time when nobody had much, especially in rural South Carolina,” says Pat’s grandson Rick Hobson. Today, Rick is one of dozens of accomplished Hobson family members who have pursued their own paths in higher education. Rick is a vascular surgeon in Greenwood, South Carolina.

“Poppy grew up very poor,” Rick recalls, using the family’s pet name for their patriarch. According to diary records that the extended family keeps, Pat’s mother passed away, leaving the then 12-year-old and his siblings in the care of their father alone. One way they survived, diaries detail, was by making an annual summer trek to visit an aunt so she could sew and provide their clothes for the year.

“They were self-sustaining,” Rick says of his ancestors. “All their clothes were home-spun, and their father didn’t have the skills for that. So, every summer they would go to one of his sisters’ homes for a week.”

Young Pat learned how to cook during these years, a skill he carried with him throughout his adult life. Children and older grandchildren still fondly recall Poppy’s “left-handed biscuits.”

“He did the dough with his left hand because it wouldn’t taste right if he did it with the right hand,” Rick says, eyes smiling.

It’s just one of many things that the family has always known and loved and remembered about Pat.

He served, he married, he started a family. And then, Pat began his next great adventure.

What happened next, as it turns out, was quite remarkable.

LEGACY OF LEARNING

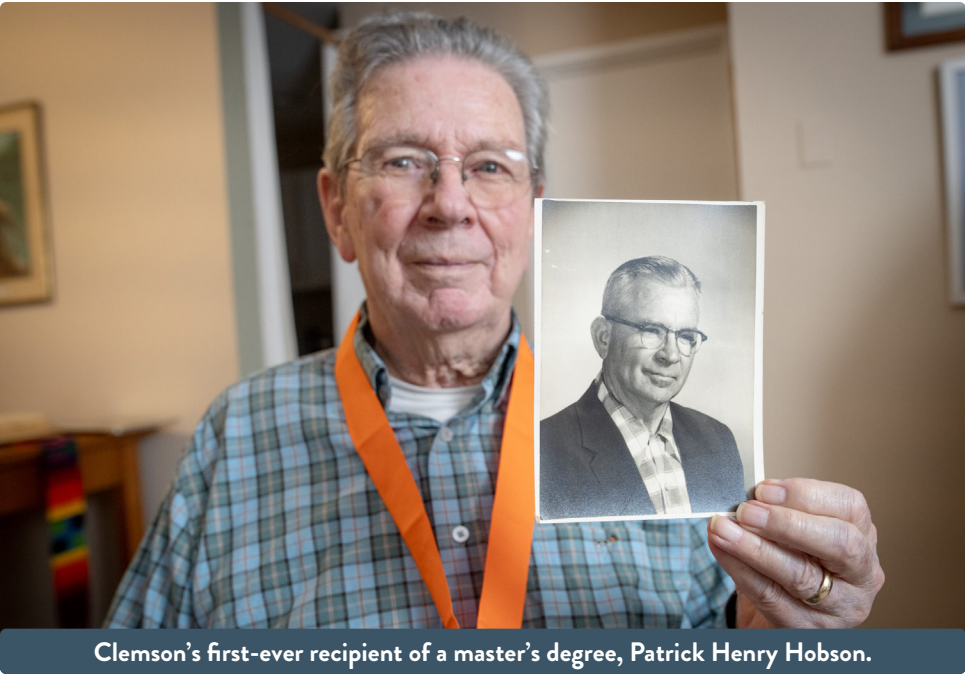
When Pat Hobson enrolled in Clemson in 1921, the average yearly income for a family in South Carolina was \$3,300. Tuition and fees cost close to \$300, and a college degree was the exception, not the norm, for most Americans. An advanced degree was even more rare, as many colleges — including Clemson until 1924 — did not offer them. Only 8,000 master’s degrees were awarded in all of the U.S. in 1924, the year Hobson earned his degree at age 29.

These were the years just before the Great Depression, and the notion of spending

hundreds of dollars on college was unrealistic, if not unimaginable, to most. But Hobson was set on providing a better life for his family, and he believed education was the path to that destination, his family says now.

Hobson’s son, the Rev. Dr. Dick Hobson, now 94, is a resident of Black Mountain, North Carolina. Friends and family often visit his assisted living community in the Western North Carolina community, and from there, he fondly shares stories about his father, Pat.

“I think, for Poppy, his education sort of assured his family members who needed an education would get it,” says the Rev. Hobson. “It was a given.”



That value of an education was reinforced to children, grandchildren and their families up until Pat’s death in 1988. “Poppy” is buried in the Old Silver Brook Cemetery in Anderson.

To this day, Pat Hobson’s ambitions are legendary among his kin. Less known to them, however, was the rarity of what he did at the time. The prestige of his accomplishment was hardly ever part of the stories he shared. And son, the Rev. Dick Hobson, says that growing up, most of the family was not even aware that his father held the first graduate degree ever awarded Clemson.

“Some in the family may have been aware of it, but I was not,” says the Rev. Hobson. “I think most of us were not.”

Pat was determined to get as much of an education as he could, the Rev. Hobson recalls, not simply for his own ambition, but because “he knew his education would ensure that family members who needed (education) would get it.”

The point wasn’t that Pat Hobson earned the first Clemson graduate degree. It was his commitment to making sure he wouldn’t be the last.

OLD RELIABLE

Pat earned a reputation as a hard worker. Classmates referred to him as “Old Reliable,” and his photo caption in the 1924 TAPS yearbook reads: “Pat seemed to be able to carry 30 hours of work with the same ease that he could carry 15.”

It might explain how he finished his B.S. and M.S. at the same time.

“He was not a person who had vacant time.

He managed to fill it with creative things or celebrating in some way,” says the Rev. Hobson. Cooking, gardening, socializing with neighbors were favorite activities.

“He didn’t lack for an hour without some event happening.”

Pat Hobson remained a Tiger tried and true his whole life, often attending sporting events with his children and grandchildren and mercilessly ribbing members of his family who earned degrees from other universities. He particularly loved Clemson Baseball.

“I remember sitting in his chair with him at his retirement house and listening to the games on Saturday afternoons,” recalls grandson Rick.

Pat was intentional about his allegiance to Clemson, but the actual impact of a graduate education has surely eclipsed what he could have imagined as a young husband and father.

“To give you a sense of the impact it has had on Clemson as an institution, we’ve now graduated more than 50,000 master’s students,” says John Lopes, Clemson associate provost and dean of the Graduate School. “This year, we’re graduating more than 300 doctoral students. All of that was made possible by what Pat, ‘Poppy,’ started.”

It goes way beyond South Carolina, too, says Lopes, noting that the Graduate School has now graduated students from every state and 152 different countries. “People from all over the world have found their way to the Upstate to build their futures here. And all that was made possible by that kid from Sandy Springs who started it all.”

Hobson put his own Master of Science in education to good use, carving out a distinguished career in education that culminated in a position as superintendent of schools in York County.

And he never lost his zest to learn.

Grandson Ken Hobson, a retired professor of entomology at the University of Oklahoma, grew up visiting his grandfather’s house and recalls watching his father, who earned his Ph.D. in chemistry and who also is named Patrick Hobson, and grandfather talk long and deeply about things to be learned.

“I remember visits down to the old family home in Anderson,” Ken Hobson says. “We would come rolling into his house when I was in elementary school — my mom and dad and four kids. Before long, Poppy would turn to him and say, ‘Have a seat, son,’ and then start asking him questions about what he was working on and what he had learned that year.

“When I started studying biology at the University of North Carolina, I’d walk in the room, and Poppy would say, ‘Ken, what have you learned this year?’ He wanted to understand what was new in the world. He had such a love of knowledge,” says Ken, smiling and nodding over scrapbooks and memorabilia gathered before him, recalling his grandfather’s life. “It all springs from the same fountain.”

USDA ANNOUNCES BIOSECURITY ASSESSMENTS AND AUDITS TO SUPPORT AVIAN INFLUENZA PREVENTION

BY USDA APHIS

Following U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins’ recent announcement of emergency funding to combat avian flu and reduce egg prices, USDA is announcing the expansion of biosecurity assessments and audits available to commercial poultry producers. These programs are part of the proactive measures taken to improve biosecurity on individual premises and prevent introduction or spread of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) to directly support America’s farmers and ranchers.

USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) will lead the following assessment programs, available to all commercial poultry producers not affected by HPAI:

- **Wildlife Biosecurity Assessments** – APHIS Wildlife Services will conduct on-farm assessments at facilities and provide recommendations to producers for facility repairs and wildlife management techniques. The assessments include a series of regular engagements including wildlife hazard identification surveys, wildlife abundance surveys, and wildlife management on these premises.

- **Biosecurity Incentives-Focused Assessments** – APHIS Veterinary Services will work with producers to review biosecurity plans and physical measures. This is a proactive resource for premises that are outside of HPAI control areas to identify and mitigate potential biosecurity gaps to prevent disease introduction.

Additionally, as outlined in the December 2024 Interim Final Rule, commercial poultry premises that have been confirmed positive for HPAI must pass an Infected Premises Restock Biosecurity Audit prior to restocking if they wish to be eligible for indemnity for the restocked poultry. The interim final rule also requires commercial poultry premises moving poultry into a designated buffer zone to pass a USDA Buffer Zone Placement Biosecurity Audit to be eligible for federal indemnity for any birds that moved onto the premises.



USDA will share up to 75% of the costs to fix the highest risk biosecurity concerns identified by the assessments.

While the biosecurity assessments are available to all commercial poultry producers not impacted by HPAI, APHIS will prioritize assessments at commercial egg-laying facilities in the highest egg-producing states as part of our

commitment to help lower egg prices for the American consumer.

More information about these programs is available in this factsheet: aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/hpai-biosecurity-assessments-poultry.pdf.

This effort is part of Secretary Rollins’ 5-prong strategy to combat highly pathogenic avian influenza and provide farmers much needed relief and American consumers with affordable food.

CLEMSON EXTENSION OFFERS FREE CLIMATE-SMART FORAGE SYSTEMS ONLINE COURSE

BY DENISE ATTAWAY, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

The Clemson Cooperative Extension Service is offering a free online course to help both new and experienced farmers improve production and resilience in their operations by incorporating climate-smart practices.

Registration is open for Climate-Smart Practices for Forage Systems, a self-paced course available through Clemson Extension Online. The course covers tools, concepts and strategies to help farmers make informed decisions about managing forage and livestock systems, while also supporting long-term viability and resilience in operations.

“This beginner-to-intermediate level course is open to anyone interested in learning more about forage systems and ecological best practices,” said Liliane Silva, Clemson Extension forage-livestock



Liliane Silva

systems specialist and course administrator. “We’ll be sharing research-based recommendations related to climate-smart practices for forage-livestock operations.”

Topics include business planning, new farm technology, soil health, weed control and strategies to enhance carbon sequestration, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve overall production and environmental and financial

resilience of operations.

Participants will learn how to apply improved management techniques in their operations, support animal and forage production, and reduce environmental impacts from livestock farming. The course also offers guidance on managing weeds, optimizing nutrients and animal nutrition, and supporting mental health and farm transition planning.

Students will gain skills in recordkeeping, budgeting and creating business plans aimed at increasing farm profitability.

There are no prerequisites. Anyone interested in forage systems is encouraged to enroll from producers, Extension agents, agricultural professionals and students. To earn a certificate of completion, participants must complete all pre- and post-course quizzes and watch all instructional videos.

More details about course content, technical requirements and registration can be found at cpe.clemson.edu by searching “Climate-Smart Practices for Forage Systems”.

This course is provided by funds from a Southern Risk Management Education grant. Learn more at srmec.uada.edu.



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